Subject No. 44.

A cart-load of timber to mean 25 cubic feet.

Summary of discussion.—Great advantage is taken by the public from the orders that a cart-load of timber is meant to be a country cart drawn by a pair of bullocks. The raiyats remove three or four cart-loads in one cart and deceive Government. A cart-load should contain ordinarily 25 cubic feet of timber.

Dewan's reply.—The present definition which says that one cart-load is a load drawn by two bullocks is good, and easy of application.

Subject No. 45.

Remission of assessment on occupied waste wet lands.

Summary of discussion.—In respect of wet lands, the entire assessment should be remitted where the land is entirely waste. In the Malnad the same land is not cultivated year after year consecutively and in former times remissions used to be granted as above mentioned.

Dewan's reply.—This question has been several times raised and answered. Its representation again is frivolous and a mere waste of time. No notice can be taken of such representations.

Subject No. 46.

Grant of land on favorable terms for garden cultivation.

Summary of discussion.—No produce is expected within 12 years from the gardens newly planted in Soppinbettas and Gomal lands. Therefore such lands should be granted for garden cultivation at dry crop rates.

Dewan's reply.—The existing rules (appended to the Rules under the Land Revenue Code) for grant of land on favorable terms for garden cultivation make sufficient provision for this.

Subject No. 47.

Repairs to the Halemadag Tank.

Summary of discussion.—The project to repair the Halémadag tank was given up as being unremunerative. But if the tank were repaired thoroughly, the lands of 5 or 6 villages could be converted into wet, besides the dry lands of Ramanahalli, Nagadevanahalli, Hosahalli and some portion of the Birur Amrut Mahal Kaval. The work would yield an additional revenue of 5 or 6 thousands of rupees. The Deputy Commissioner remarked that this project had been duly considered and dealt with by the D. P. W.

Dewan's reply.—We shall enquire.

Subject No. 48.

Abolition of the discount on Currency Notes cashed at the Taluk Treasury, Kadur.

Summary of discussion.—A discount of 4 annas per hundred rupees is charged on currency notes cashed at the Kadur Taluk Treasury. This causes inconvenience and should be abolished, particularly as Kadur is Maidan and not Malnad.

Dewan's reply.—The discount is charged when we have to send specie remittances for the purpose of meeting such demands.

Subject No. 49.

Privilege to fell fire-wood in District Jungles.

Summary of discussion.—Orders prohibiting raiyats from felling fire-wood in State Jungles should be withdrawn and every facility should be given to them to fell and use all sorts of trees except the reserved kinds.

Dewan's reply.—This cannot be done. District Forests have been allotted for the purpose asked for. Where the allotment is insufficient, application may be made.

Subject No. 50.
Ruined temples to be restored.

Summary of discussion.—There are many ancient holy temples in disrepair. The deterioration or failure of worship therein causes bad seasons, sickness and adversity to raiyats and other inhabitants. These temples should be repaired and restored.

Dewan's reply.—The State is doing this to some extent. Local communities and devotees should do the rest.

Subject No. 51.
Repairs to tanks requiring it.

Summary of discussion.—Such tanks as are not in good condition should be repaired or restored, as wet crops are not so thriving now as before owing to the rain-fall being scanty and unseasonable.

Dewan's reply.—We are doing this as far as possible. The raiyats should attend to the smaller tanks.

Subject No. 52.
Repairs to the Mudgere-Belur road.

Summary of discussion.—The Mudgere-Belur road should be repaired and the streams across it bridged. This is the high road for traffic between the Malnad and the Maidan parts. At present the road is neglected as if it was going to be abandoned altogether. The Deputy Commissioner remarked that the D. P. W. had no intention of abandoning this road.

Dewan's reply.—Will be noted in the D. P. W. for action in due course.

Subject No. 53.
Extension of the Mangalore-Bangadi road to Megunda.

Summary of discussion.—There is a road from Mangalore to Bangadi in South Canara. This road not being extended to Samsè, the people in the Kalasa side and in the Koppa Taluk have to export arecanut and cardamom in head-loads and on pack-bullocks. If the Mangalore-Bangadi road be extended to Megunda in the Koppa Taluk *viâ*, Samsè and Kalasa, trade would be greatly facilitated and the country would be opened out for coffee and cardamom cultivation.

Dewan's reply.—This is a matter for the Local Fund Board's consideration.

Subject No. 54.
Prohibition of wet cultivation to the west of Basavanahalli.

Summary of discussion.—Wet cultivation to the west of Basavanahalli (Chikmagalur) should be stopped. The Deputy Commissioner remarked that a recommendation had been made to Government for acquiring about 62½ acres of wet land for extending the town and for improving its sanitary condition; and the Member added that if the lands were acquired and resold as building sites, the sale proceeds would cover the cost of acquisition.

Dewan's reply.—The Deputy Commissioner's report will receive due attention.